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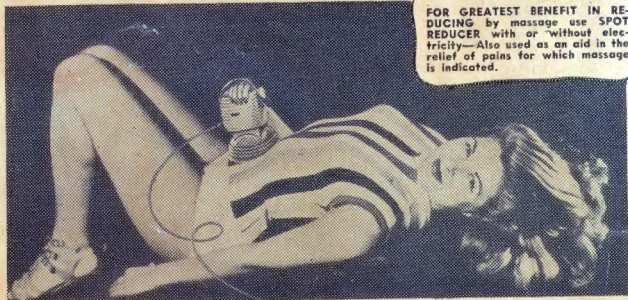
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A Murderer's REWARD

by JAY DISBROW

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IN A CHEAP ONE ROOM APARTMENT ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE OF NEW YORK, NAT GARTON, A SMALL TIME HOOD-LUM IS SUDDENLY DISTRACTED FROM HIS GAME OF SOLITAIRE BY A VIOLENT POUNDING ON HIS DOOR.

AGH, THAT LANDLADY AGAIN! ALWAYS PESTERING ME FOR THE RENT!

GARTON OPENS THE DOOR AND IS ASTOUNDED TO SEE HIS OWN BROTHER STAGGER INTO THE ROOM AND COLLAPSE IN HIS ARMS.

I--I'M WOUNDED, NAT---A COUPLE OF AL--WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? 38 SLUGS TORE THROUGH MY CHEST ---LOST A LOT O' BLOOD! I JUST BARELY MADE IT HERE!



WHO DID IT, AL? WHO WAS THE DIRTY GUY THAT SHOT YA?

DENFELD, THE LIQUOR DEALER ON CANAL, AND THIRD!... I WAS GOIN' TO PULL ONE MORE JOB... TO GET ENOUGH CASH TO BLOW TOWN... (GASP)... THE GUY CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD... HE GRABBED MY ROD... AND BLASTED ME AS I RAN OUT!



THAT NO, KID! IT WAS MY OWN FAULT!... I WASTED MY LIFE ON CRIME... AND NOW I'M PAYIN' FOR IT! DON'T ADD MURDER TO YOUR RECORD!... DON'T KILL THE GUY FOR MY SAKE-- GET OUT OF TOWN AND SETTLE DOWN IN SOME LEGITIMATE BUSINESS!... QUIT THE RACKETS WHILE YOU'VE GOT THE CHANCE, OR ELSE YOU'LL END UP LIKE ME!



SO LONG, KID--- R-REMEMBER WHAT I-I TOLD YOU--- AAAHH!

AL!... HE'S DEAD!



OKAY, DENFELD, I'M COMIN' FOR YA! HERE'S WHERE YOU GET YOUR PAYOFF-- IN LEAD-- JUST LIKE YOU GAVE MY BROTHER!



THAT NIGHT, AS HARRY DENFELD CLOSES HIS PACKAGE GOODS STORE, AND MAKES HIS WAY HOME, A SLINKING FIGURE WAITS FOR HIM IN THE SHADOWS OF THE ELEVATED RAILWAY.



AS THE MAN TURNS IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL, THREE SHOTS RING OUT, AND DENFELD SLUMPS TO THE PAVEMENT, DEAD.

THAT SETTLES THE SCORE!

BANG! BANG!

BANG!



GARTON BREAKS INTO A MAD DASH AS THE POLICE ARE ATTRACTED TO THE SCENE BY THE PISTOL REPORTS.



THIS MAN IS DEAD!
DID YOU SEE WHO SHOT HIM?

I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF A MAN RUNNING AWAY, BUT HE VANISHED AMONG THE SHADOWS!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN GARTON'S FLAT---

I NEVER KILLED A GUY BEFORE; IT'S NOT LIKE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE!-- HE DESERVED IT, BUT STILL I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD ABOUT IT-- I WONDER IF THE COPS HAVE GOT A LINE ON ME?



ASH, WHAT DO I CARE, LET THE COPS COME, LET THE ARMY COME IF IT WANTS TO! THEY'LL NEVER TAKE NAT GARTON! I'LL KILL 'EM ALL IF I HAVE TO!



LATER THAT NIGHT, GARTON TOSSES IN THE THROWS OF A VIVID NIGHTMARE, IN WHICH THE TERRIBLE CRIME THAT HE COMMITTED IS REINACTED.

HERE'S YOUR PAY-OFF, RAT!

BANG!



IN SPITE OF HIS DESIRE TO RUN, HE IS HELD, TRANSFIXED, IN HORROR AT THE AWFUL DEED HE HAS DONE. HE STARES IN MORBID FASCINATION AT THE LIFELESS COUNTENANCE OF THE VICTIM.

HIS EYES, STARING UP AT ME, BORING INTO MY VERY SOUL! BUT HE'S DEAD!-- I-I KILLED HIM!

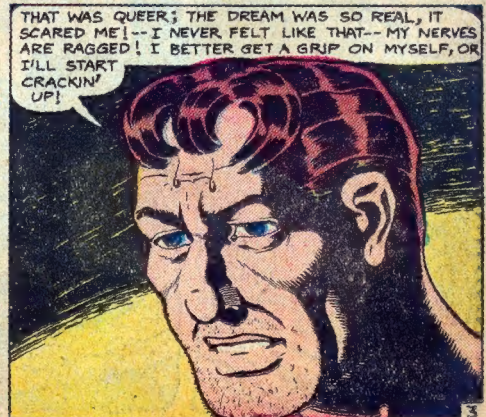


AND THEN THE YOUTHFUL ASSASSIN AWAKENS WITH A START.

HE CAN'T BE ALIVE, I KILLED H--- WHAT?-- OH, A DREAM!



THAT WAS QUEER; THE DREAM WAS SO REAL, IT SCARED ME!-- I NEVER FELT LIKE THAT-- MY NERVES ARE RAGGED! I BETTER GET A GRIP ON MYSELF, OR I'LL START CRACKIN' UP!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS NAT IS ABOUT TO GO OUT FOR BREAKFAST, MRS PRIM, THE LANDLADY, (WHO IS IGNORANT OF HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES), CALLS TO HIM.

MR. GARTON, MAY I SPEAK TO YOU A MOMENT PLEASE?

WHAT--?
OH SURE.



PLEASE DON'T THINK I'M TRYING TO PRY INTO YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS, BUT, I --- WELL, I HEARD YOU CRY OUT IN YOUR SLEEP LAST NIGHT, AND I WAS WONDERING IF ANY THING WAS WRONG.

NO, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG, MRS. PRIM, I JUST HAD A BAD NIGHTMARE, THAT'S ALL. I'LL PROBABLY SLEEP SOUNDLY TONIGHT!



BUT THE MURDERER DOES NOT SLEEP SOUNDLY THAT NIGHT! AS THE HOURS LENGE --- THEN, THE SAME DREAM RETURNS TO HAUNT HIS TROUBLED MIND. AGAIN HE SEES HIMSELF, BRUTALLY SHOOTING DOWN THE DEFENSELESS HARRY DENFELD.



BUT THEN, A STRANGE THING SEEMS TO HAPPEN; THE DEAD MAN APPEARS TO RISE FROM THE PAVEMENT AND WALK SLOWLY TOWARD THE INCREDULOUS MURDERER.

IT CAN'T BE--YOU'RE DEAD--I JUST SHOT YOU!

FOOL, DID YOU THINK YOU COULD GET AWAY WITH MURDER?



GARTON ATTEMPTS TO RUN, BUT HIS LEGS SEEM TO WEIGH A TON, AND SCARCELY RESPOND TO HIS DESPERATE URGINGS, AND THE INSIDIOUS CREATURE PURSUING HIM SEEMS TO GROW IN SIZE, AND TO TAKE ON A FANTASTIC ASPECT.

YOU CAN NOT ESCAPE RETRIBUTION, GARTON, I'M COMING FOR YOU!



FINALLY, THE CREATURE GRASPS HIM, AND COMMENCES TO STRANGLE HIM.

YOU WILL COME TO THE SAME END THAT ALL MURDERERS DO! YOUR OWN CRIMES WILL ENTANGLE YOU, AND ENMESH YOU, UNTIL YOU SUCCEUMB TO THE VERY EVIL YOU SPAWNED!

NO, YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! YOU'RE DEAD! I KILLED YOU!



A MOMENT LATER, GARTON IS AWAKENED BY A VIOLENT KNOCKING ON HIS DOOR.

STOP, YOU'RE CHOKING ME--- I CAN'T BREATHE!

MR. GARTON, MR. GARTON, WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU SCREAMING LIKE THAT? DO YOU HEAR ME? IT'S MRS. PRIM! OPEN THE DOOR!



YOU WERE SCREAMING SO LOUDLY, I THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO MURDER YOU! --ARE YOU SICK, BOY? SHOULD I CALL A DOCTOR?

NO, I'M ALRIGHT, MRS. PRIM---I JUST HAD AN OTHER BAD DREAM. ---FORGET ABOUT IT, AND GO BACK TO SLEEP!



SEVERAL DAYS PASS, AND NAT GARTON PACES HIS ROOM LIKE A CAGED BEAST. BY NOW HIS VERY EXISTENCE HAS BECOME AN INTERMINABLE PERIOD OF MENTAL ANGUISH.

WHAT AM I GONNA DO?---I DON'T DARE SLEEP! IF I DO THE DREAM WILL COME BACK! BUT I'M SO TIRED--- I CAN HARDLY STAY AWAKE!



WHAT WAS THAT?---I THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING MOVE IN THOSE SHADOWS!

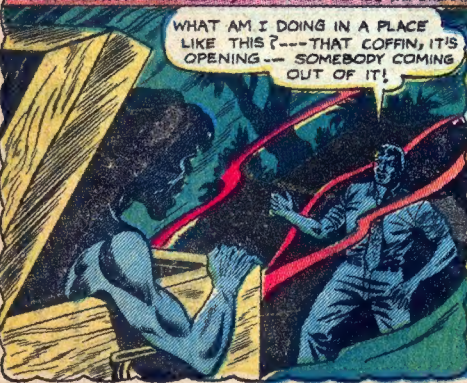


AGH, MY NERVES ARE SHOT TO PIECES! GOT TO---SIT DOWN AND REST A LITTLE---BUT I'VE GOT TO STAY AWAKE---DON'T DARE GO TO SLEEP --- GOT TO STAY AWAKE---



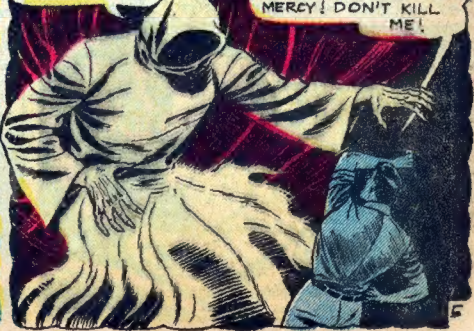
BUT OUTRAGED NATURE WILL NOT BE DENIED, AND PRESENTLY GARTON SLUMBERS, AND AGAIN COMES THE DREAM.

WHAT AM I DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?---THAT COFFIN, IT'S OPENING--- SOMEBODY COMING OUT OF IT!



IT IS I, THE MAN YOU MURDERED! CONFESS TO YOUR CRIME, NATHAN GARTON, FOR WHETHER YOU BE ASLEEP OR AWAKE, YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE!

NO, NO, SPARE ME! I CONFESS, I KILLED HARRY DENFELD! I SHOT HIM DOWN IN COLD BLOOD, BUT HVE MERCY! DON'T KILL ME!



AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT, MRS. PRIM, AGAIN AROUSED BY HIS SCREAMS, PAUSES MOMENTARILY BESIDE HIS DOOR, LISTENING.

YES, I KILLED HARRY DENFELD! I SHOT HIM DOWN IN COLD BLOOD!

HEAVEN HELP US, HE'S A MURDERER!



THE OLD WOMAN HURRIES DOWN STAIRS AND TELEPHONES THE POLICE.

THIS IS MRS. PRIM; I RUN A BOARDING HOUSE AT 131 BLEEKER STREET. LISTEN, THE MAN THAT KILLED HARRY DENFELD IS HERE! I HEARD HIM CONFESS TO THE MURDER IN HIS SLEEP!

REMAIN CALM, MRS. PRIM, I'LL SEND A COUPLE OF OFFICERS OVER IMMEDIATELY!



A MOMENT LATER, GARTON AWAKENS FROM HIS DREAM, AND----

HE'S STILL THERE! I'M AWAKE NOW, BUT DENFELD'S GHOST IS STANDIN' THERE--- COMIN' TOWARD ME!



GARTON DRAWS HIS PISTOL AND FIRES SEVERAL SHOTS HASTILY.

MY BULLETS ARE GOIN' RIGHT THROUGH HIM--- HE'S STILL COMIN' TOWARD ME! NO--- DON'T--- STAY BACK!

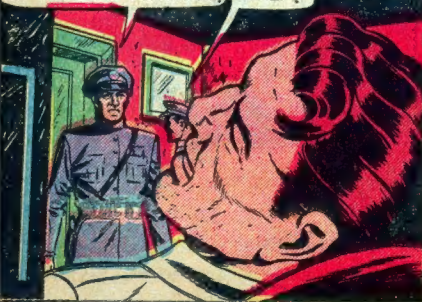


I WARNED YOU THAT RETRIBUTION WOULD COME! NOW YOU SHALL DIE!

A MOMENT LATER, THE POLICE ARRIVE.

WHY, HE'S DEAD! BUT THERE'S NO INDICATION OF VIOLENCE ANYWHERE!

THERE'S FOUR BULLET HOLES IN THE WALL, CHIEF!



THE NEXT DAY, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS----

THE MEDICAL REPORT ON NAT GARTON CAME IN.

IT SAYS: "SUBJECT SUCCEumbed TO A CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE BROUGHT ABOUT BY AN EXTREME SHOCK. THERE WAS NO WAY OF DETERMINING THE CAUSE OR NATURE OF SAID SHOCK."

HUM... MURDERERS ARE QUEER. PEOPLE, JACK. I REMEMBER ONE GUY WHO DIED OF FRIGHT BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE SAW THE GHOST OF THE MAN HE KILLED! OF COURSE THAT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE CASE WITH GARTON--- OR COULD IT?



The End



JP

CORPSE-Without Teeth!

SAMMY the Slick was visibly annoyed.

First he brushed the imaginary fly off the lapel of his jacket by a flick of his right hand over his well oiled black hair which heightened the effect of his pale skin. He took a deep breath as though to fill out his chest. His pin check serge suit came from the best tailor in town. He was now ready to give vent to his feelings. "The next time you cops bring me in I am going to sue for false arrest. You fellows give me a pain in the neck. Every time some character is murdered in this town, out go the orders to get me. You would think I ran a murder factory instead of a night club. It's bad for my business. After all, I am a respectable man. In about ten minutes my lawyer will be here with a writ of Habeas Corpus. And then maybe I can get a little fresh air and go back to my business."

Inspector John Harding struggled to control his temper. And that was rather difficult for a man weighing some two hundred and fifty pounds. You could see the inward struggle taking place and his steel gray eyes betrayed the determination not to take any of the insolence of this petty cheap crook. His strong fingers grasped the sides of his arm chair in a successful effort to control his temper. He focused his eyes at Sammy the Slick. "You aren't going to get away with it this time. In the past you had your pals swear to a crooked alibi. I am certain you even tried to bribe the last jury that freed you. We know that Joe the Barber welched on his gambling debts to you. He told everything to his wife. Said the wheel

in your gambling room was as crooked as your soul. You couldn't let him get away with it or it would encourage others not to pay their gambling debts to you. So the word in the underworld was that Joe's number was up. He was last seen going to your country hide-out to make peace with you. Joe Luccio, the money lender, swears he gave Joe the Barber twenty thousand dollars so that he could square accounts with you. You collected every cent of it. And then you killed him. How? You crushed his skull in with a monkey wrench. Then you removed every means of identification from the body. You cut off his finger tips because he had a police record. Thought you were clever, so we couldn't identify him from his prints on file. Then you placed the body in a stolen car, poured gasoline over it, and set fire to the car."

"Smart big boy, you are," remarked Sammy the Slick. "Keep up this boy detective stuff and they will make you Police Commissioner one of these days. Then you can put your big flat feet on top of a nice new shiny desk and smoke fat cigars. If I killed Joe, where is a body that can be positively identified as Joe the Barber? You would think you were a new cop on the force, Inspector, and you never heard of Corpus Delicti. How can you accuse me of killing Joe, when you can't identify this body which you mention?"

"You don't think you can get away with it, do you?" challenged the police official. "You had the motive and you had the opportunity to commit the crime. Somehow

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I know you must have made a slip up in your vicious little mind, and when I get you, then you go to the chair." "Keep on talking until your tongue rots in your mouth," snapped back Sammy the Slick. "I know the report of the local coroner. He says an unidentified man was killed by an unknown assailant. Death was due to a blow on the head by a blunt instrument. The man probably was dead an hour previous to the time his body was set afire." There was a look of complete satisfaction upon the face of Sammy the Slick. And then as an afterthought and a personal dig, he added, "Now if it had been your body, Inspector, they could tell from the size and the shape of the feet it must have been a cop-per."

Inspector Harding bit his lip. There was the understandable desire to take the little runt in front of him and squeeze him until the bones broke. But those days of rough handling were a thing of the past. There was a knock on the door. "Come in," said the Inspector. A policeman entered and handed his superior a blue slip of paper which meant it was an official memorandum from the police laboratory. The Inspector carefully studied its contents. When finished, a slight grin began to play around the folds of his mouth. A sigh, something akin to contentment, escaped from his lips. Sammy the Slick watched him like an eagle. Something warned him that all was not right. And years of experience told the police official what was taking place in the punk's mind. He tapped the top of his desk with the paper several times, merely to get the nerves of the man sitting opposite him rattled.

"Sammy, you are all washed up," he commented in a matter of fact voice. "Sooner or later, fellows like you who think they are the smartest people in the world, make the one slip that sends them to the chair. Any person who thinks he can commit a perfect crime should have his head exam-

ined, and that includes you. This time I have enough evidence for an indictment that will stick and end your career of crime. And when I say end, I mean the hot seat for you."

Sammy the Slick was tense now. He didn't want to fall into any trap. Was the Inspector playing with him the way a cat teases a mouse? Or had he come across something unexpected which really would stand up as evidence in a court? He forced a grin on his face and spoke, "Get it off your mind. Go on tell me what you know if it will make you feel any better. And then let me out of here. I got to be back before six at my place."

The Inspector laughed. "You are never leaving here, Sammy. Just imagine a smart fellow like you making such a foolish mistake. Thought you were a dentist, eh? You took a pair of pliers and removed the bridges in Joe's mouth. Then you pulled out two teeth from his upper jaw and three from the bottom jaw. Thought that we couldn't identify the body! You forgot something you never knew, you half baked moron! When a dentist removes a tooth, there is a hole left in the gum. And when a dentist uses his forceps to do the job, he removes the entire tooth, including the root. You just broke two teeth off and left the roots in the gum. And there aren't any holes in the gum where the bridges carry the false teeth. That heals up over a period of time. We got the dentist who did the work and he identified the mouth because he has all his X-ray pictures on files. He showed us what a bungling job you did."

Sammy the Slick was no longer confident. His hands began to tremble, but the worst was yet to come. "My laboratory man tells me," continued the Inspector, "that if you had left the bridgework in the mouth, we could never have identified the body. Part of the material would have melted and seared and burned the gums, making identification by dental charts almost impossible."

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I'LL GET OUT OF THIS PIT TRAP AT THE CURVE IN THE ROAD



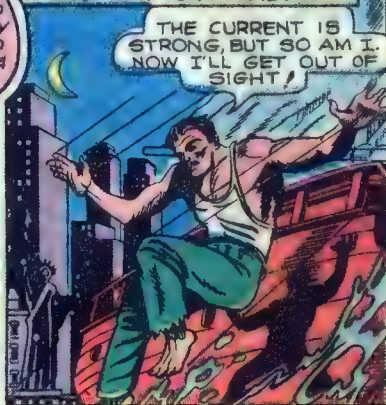
BY THE TIME THEY LEARN I'VE SPRUNG THEY WON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK!



JOE CATALINO FOUND FRIENDS TO HIDE HIM. LITTLE BY LITTLE HE REACHED THE WHARVES AND A SHIP BOUND FOR AMERICA...



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THE CURRENT IS STRONG, BUT SO AM I. NOW I'LL GET OUT OF SIGHT!

YOU LEARN FAST LIL VINO IS CATALINO, THE BEER FORBID-RACKET PAYS OFF DEN IN BETTER. IF YOU WANT AMERICA I CAN FIX IT UP! I COULD



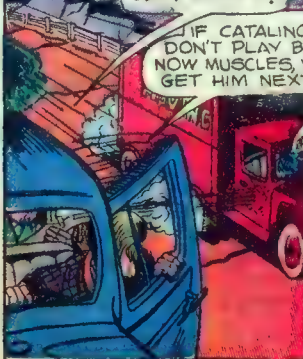
MAKE PLENTY MONEY BOOTLEGGING!

LISTEN MUG YA HEARD A ME MUSCLES MORGAN? HOWD YA LIKE TA SELL OUT?



I'M MAKIN' PLENTY IN THIS BEER GAME! NO DICE!

MAKE A FEW MORE RAPS WID VER TYPE-WRITER YOU GUYS! I LIKE THE SOUND OF DEM SLUGS!



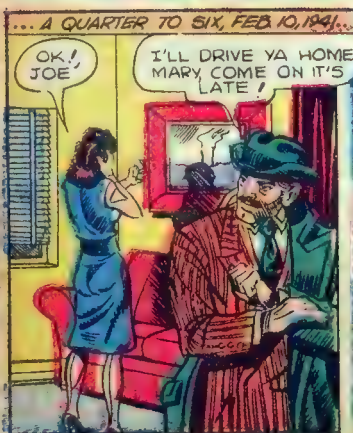
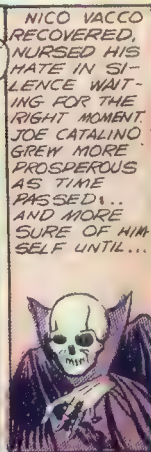
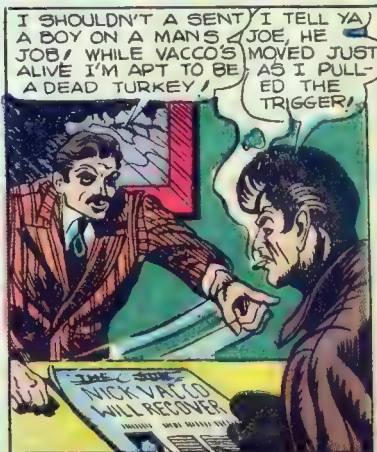
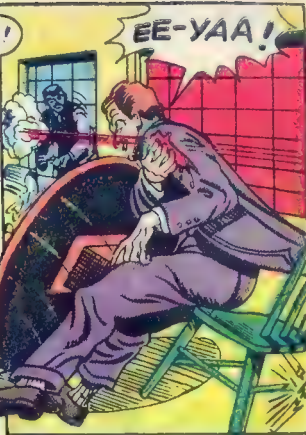
IF CATALINO DON'T PLAY BALL NOW MUSCLES, WE GET HIM NEXT!

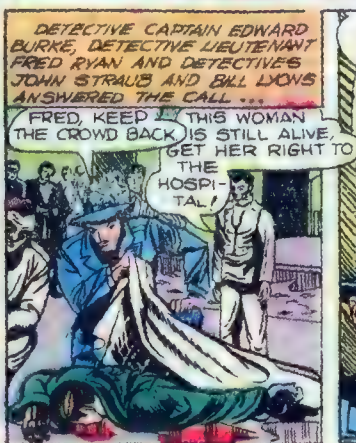
WHADDYA SAY CATALINO? YOU GONNA HOLD OUT OR YA WANNA STAY HEALTHY!

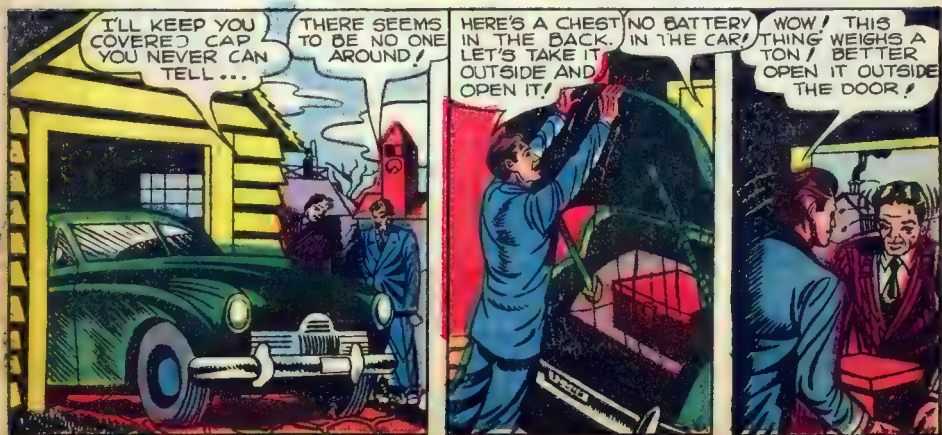
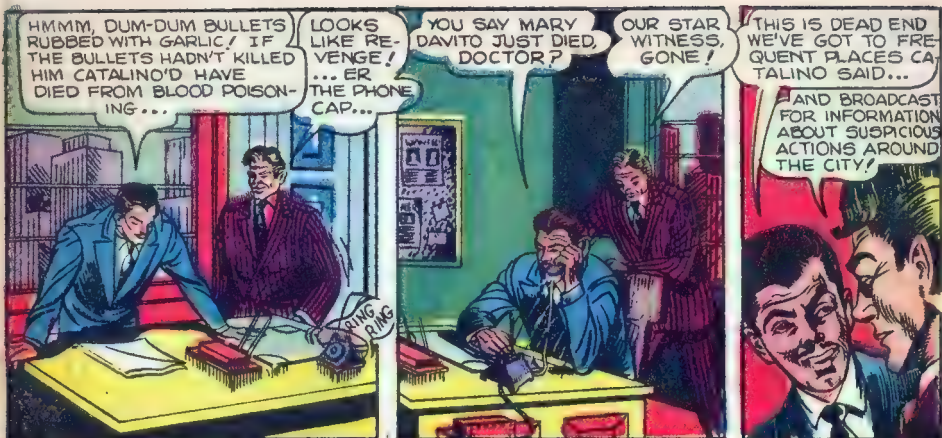
OK, MORGAN, I HAD ENOUGH. DIS AIN'T THE ONLY RACKET

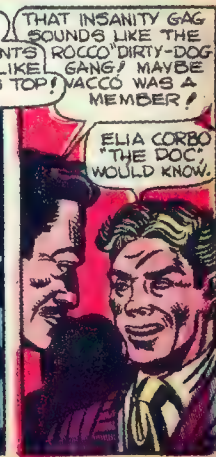
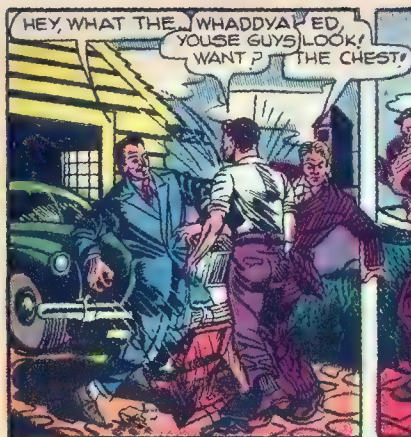










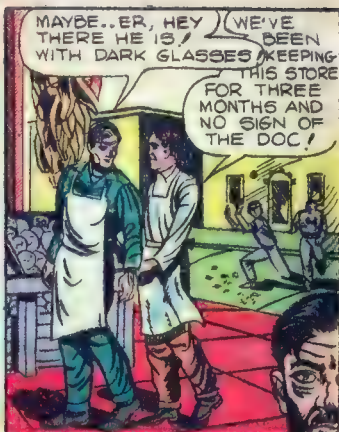


"THE DOC" WAS A GANG-STER WHO HAD ADVISED THE ROCCO GANG BEFORE THE ROCCO BROTHERS WERE EXECUTED NO ONE WOULD REVEAL THE DOCS WHEREABOUTS, FEAR OF HIM WAS TOO GREAT, SO EVENTUALLY...



YOU STRAUB AND DAGANO HAD BETTER WATCH AROUND 13TH STREET AND FIRST AVENUE. IT'S A GANG-STER LOCALE!

I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT MAY WORK!



MAYBE...ER, HEY THERE HE IS! WITH DARK GLASSES KEEPING

WE'VE BEEN KEEPING THIS STORE FOR THREE MONTHS AND NO SIGN OF THE DOC!



THE DISGUISE WON'T WORK DOC! ANYHOW! I'M COMING GONNA DIE WITH U.S.

I AIN'T TALKIN' ANYHOW! I'M COMING GONNA DIE SOON WITH T.O.



A MEDICAL EXAMINATION CONFIRMED THE DOCS STATEMENT HE HAD NOT LONG TO LIVE... A FEW MONTHS AT MOST.



LISTEN DOC, YOU MAY GO FREE FOR YOUR FEW MONTHS OF LIFE.

I'LL TELL WHAT I KNOW.



VACCO KILLED CATALINO HE WAS IN THE LOAN SHARK RACKET WID JOE AND TRIED TO SHAKE HIM DOWN!

I GET IT! FEAR OF VACCO MADE CATALINO TRY TO KILL VACCO IN THE LUNCH WAGON!



I SENTENCE YOU TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

NO! NO! I DON'T WANNA DIE!

NICK VACCO DID DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1942. THUS ENDED A VICIOUS CAREER BRED ON CRIME AND MURDER. THE LIVES CATALINO AND VACCO ARE OUT-STANDING-PROOF THAT---

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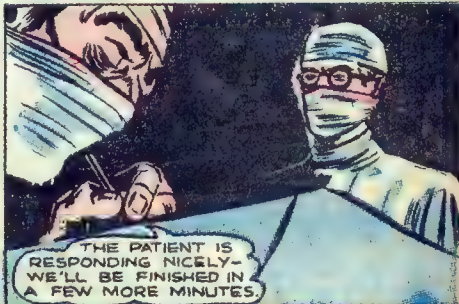
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AS THE OPERATION PROGRESSES AT WILTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, A VIOLENT THUNDER STORM BREAKS

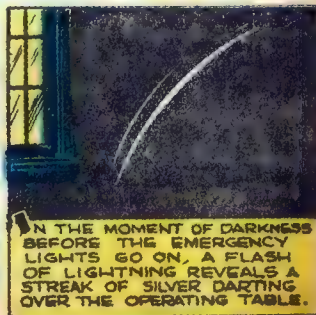


THE PATIENT IS RESPONDING NICELY--WE'LL BE FINISHED IN A FEW MORE MINUTES.

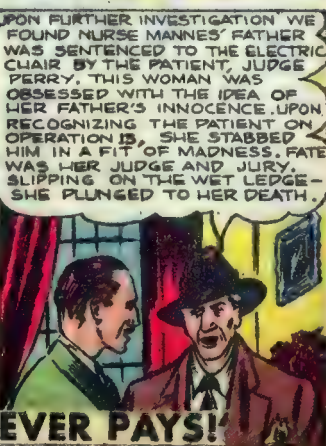
A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHTNING--A CRASH OF THUNDER SHAKES THE LITTLE BUILDING--



THE LIGHTS ARE GOING DIM--THEY'RE GOING OUT. TURN ON THE EMERGENCIES--**QUICK--**



IN THE MOMENT OF DARKNESS BEFORE THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS GO ON, A FLASH OF LIGHTNING REVEALS A STREAK OF SILVER DARTING OVER THE OPERATING TABLE.



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STORY

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FROM POLICE FILES

ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 23RD, 1923 THREE DESPERATE MEN STOOD ON THE COLD REACHES OF THE KLAMATH RANGE IN WASHINGTON THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC FAST EXPRESS...

* @ : 1 P K P A IT TAKE IT EASY, SURE IS COLD KID, SHE'LL UP HERE! WHEN'S BE ALONG THE TRAIN DUE? SOON!

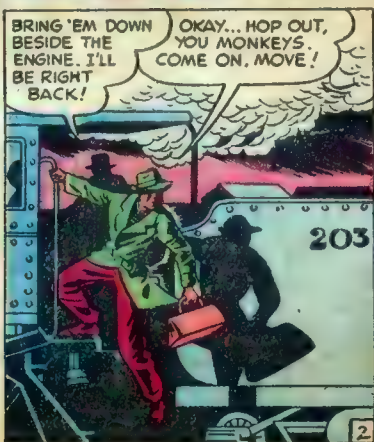
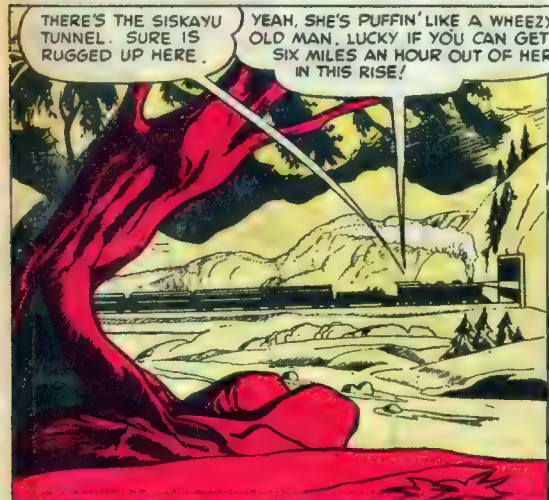
YOU CERTAIN YA GOT THIS PLANNED OUT, ROY? ONE OF THE EXPRESS AIN'T EASY TO CRACK!



JUST FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND EVERY-THING'LL BE OKAY... HEY! HERE SHE IS NOW! GET READY!

SHE BETTER SLOW DOWN LIKE YOU SAY. I AIN'T GETTIN' GROUND UNDER NO WHEELS





THE GUY IN THAT
CAR AIN'T GONNA
KNOW WHAT
HIT HIM.



IF THIS DON'T OPEN
THE DOORS, I'LL
GIVE UP AND GET
ME A JOB.



HUGH, KEEP YOUR EYES
ON THEM BABIES, RAY,
COME HERE.



DON'T WORRY, ONE
PHONY MOVE AND I'LL
BLOW THEIR BRAINS
OUT.



DON'T! DON'T!
DOUGHERTY THE
MAIL CLERK'S
IN THERE! YOU'LL
KILL HIM!

IF YA DON'T KEEP
THAT BIG TRAP SHUT
YOU'LL GO WITH
HIM... STAND BACK,
HERE SHE GOES!



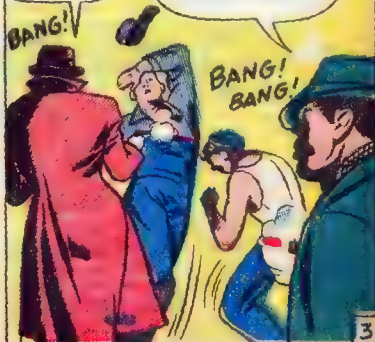
POOR DOUGHERTY,
HE NEVER HAD
A CHANCE.

YOU DIRTY
ROTTEN
KILLERS!



KILLERS, HUH?
I GUESS YOU
WAS RIGHT,
STUPID!

THEY WOULD OF
RECOGNIZED US
AND TOLD THE
COPS. THEY'RE
SAFER DEAD.



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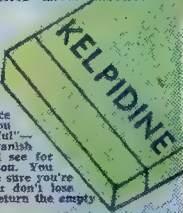
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WHAT'S GOING ON?
ANYBODY HURT?

TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY, RAY.
I WANT TO GET IN THAT CAR
BEFORE EVERYTHING
BURNS UP!



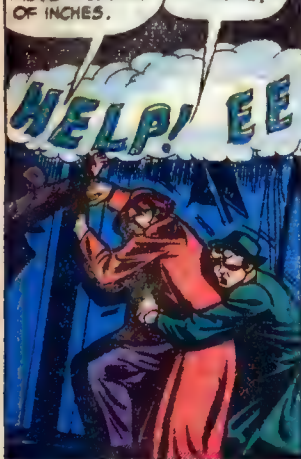
WHERE'S THE
ENGINE....
AAAAGH!

OUT OF MY WAY,
STUPID. WE GOT
WORK TO DO.



IT'S JAMMED!
THE @!#*!!
THING'LL ONLY
MOVE A COUPLE
OF INCHES.

DON'T TALK,
PULL! WE
GOTTA GET
IN THERE!



HELP! EEEEEEE!

UGH! THAT GUY'S
BURNIN' TO DEATH.
THEM DOORS
TRAPPED HIM.

SO WHAT!
ONE LESS
WITNESS.



WE AIN'T
GETTIN'
ANYTHING
AROUND
HERE! LET'S
BREEZE!

YEAH, BEFORE
THEM PASSENGERS
GET HERE OR
WE'LL END UP
WITH A ROPE
AROUND OUR
NECK!



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THIS WORK AND
NOT EVEN A
LOUSY TWO
CENT STAMP
TO SHOW
FOR IT.

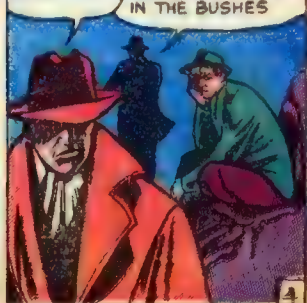
AH, YOU AND
YOUR BIG
PLANS. I KNEW
IT WOULDN'T
WORK.



A FEW MINUTES LATER....

COME ON,
WE CAN'T
STOP HERE,
THEY'LL
CATCH US.

JUST A SECOND,
I CAN'T GO INTO
TOWN WITH THESE
DIRTY OVERALLS
ON. I'LL DITCH 'EM
IN THE BUSHES



THE ROBBERY HAD BEEN BOTCHED, RUINED BY BUNGLING AMATEURS, AND WHAT WAS WORSE FOUR MEN HAD BEEN KILLED. THE POLICE WERE OUT FOR BLOOD, BUT THE ONLY CLUE WAS HUGH'S OVERALLS.....



WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE FAST WITH THIS ONE. WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PAIR OF OVERALLS?

THEY SENT THEM TO PROFESSOR HEINRICH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. WHAT HE CAN GET OUT OF THEM I DON'T KNOW.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, PLENTY. THEY GOT THE GUYS' WHOLE DESCRIPTION HERE. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LOOK FOR A CATTLEMAN'S SHACK THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.

THIS HEINRICH IS A CHEMIST. I HOPE THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING.



SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

HEY, LOOK, THERE'S AN ABANDONED SHACK, MAYBE THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR.

COULD BE. THE OLD PROFESSOR MIGHT BE ON THE BEAM AFTER ALL. LET'S TAKE A LOOK.



INSIDE WERE MORE CLUES....

HERE'S A HUNK OF FUSE. MIGHT HAVE COME OFF THE DYNAMITE CHARGE THEY USED.

THIS TOWEL MIGHT COME IN HANDY FOR PRINTS, IF THEY GOT A RECORD. LET'S GET BACK WITH THEM.



WITH THE MEAGER CLUES AND THE PROFESSOR'S REPORT, THE POLICE WERE ABLE TO DESCRIBE THE KILLERS AND NOW BEGAN THE GREATEST MANHUNT IN HISTORY. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEN WENT EVERYWHERE IN ALL TYPES OF DISGUISES...

AS COOKS IN LUMBER CAMPS...

HERE YOU ARE, PAL, HOT OFF THE STOVE...

THEY'RE NOT HERE, I BETTER MOVE ON TOMORROW.

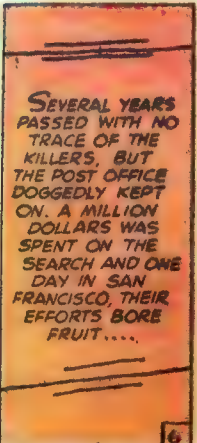
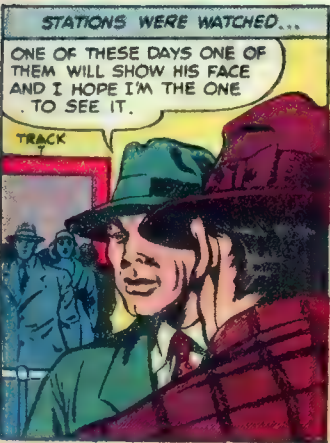
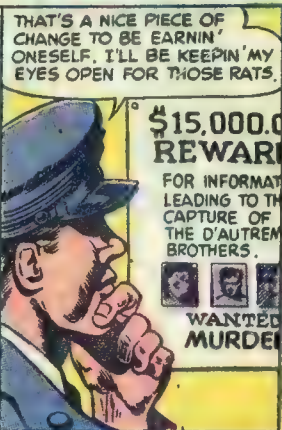
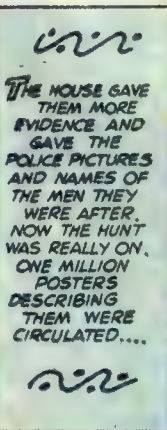
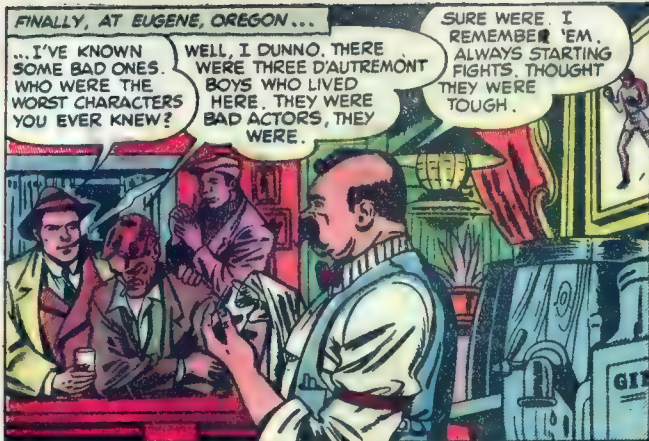


AS PAYMASTERS IN FACTORIES...

THANK YOU.

I'VE CHECKED EVERY ONE IN THE PLANT. THEY'RE NOT HERE.







I'D LIKE A MONEY ORDER FOR... HOLY SMOKE! LOOK AT THAT POSTER. THAT'S JIM PRICE OR I'M A MONKEY'S UNCLE! HEY, BUD, HOW DO I FIND THE POSTMASTER?

TAKE THAT DOOR TO YOUR LEFT.



THAT'S HIM ALL RIGHT, SIR. WE SERVED TOGETHER IN THE PHILIPPINES. I'D KNOW HIM ANYWHERE.

I'LL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU'RE RIGHT, THE REWARD IS YOURS.



SIX WEEKS LATER IN THE PHILIPPINES....

HEP, TWO, THREE, FOUR! HEP...

HOLD IT, CORPORAL. PRICE. YOU'RE WANTED IN THE COLONEL'S OFFICE RIGHT AWAY!



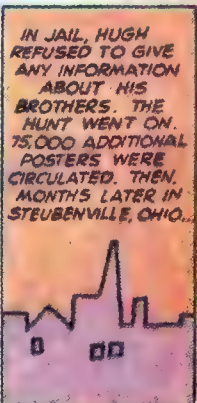
D'AUTREMONT, I HAVE A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.

HOW... HOW DID YOU KNOW?

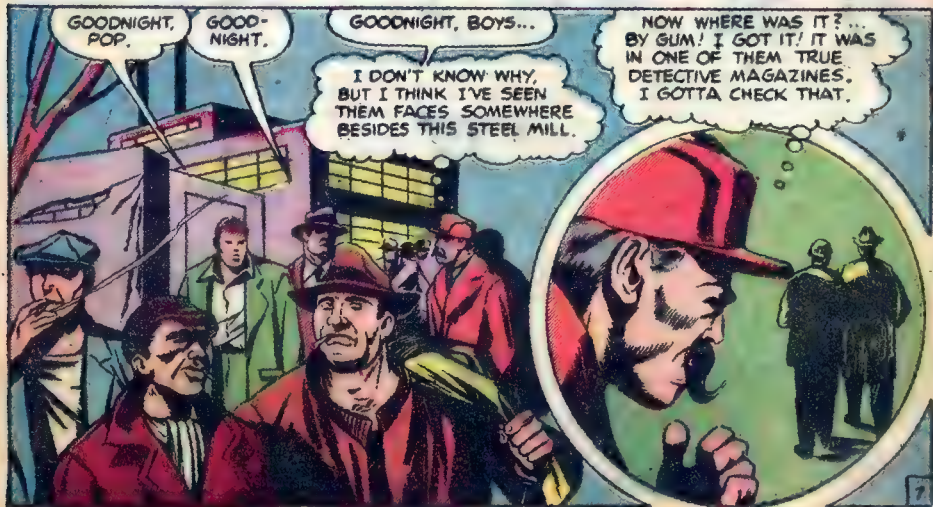


THEY HAVE NO PROOF OF ANYTHING, THEY CAN'T HOLD ME. THEY CAN'T....

OH, YES THEY CAN. THEY'VE GOT YOUR FINGERPRINTS AND A LOT MORE THE EVIDENCE IS IRREFUTABLE... HAVE HIM PUT IN THE GUARDHOUSE, SERGEANT!



IN JAIL, HUGH REFUSED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HIS BROTHERS. THE HUNT WENT ON. 75,000 ADDITIONAL POSTERS WERE CIRCULATED. THEN, MONTHS LATER IN STEUBENVILLE, OHIO...



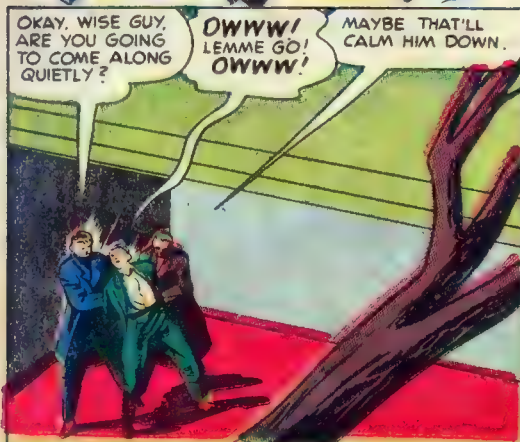
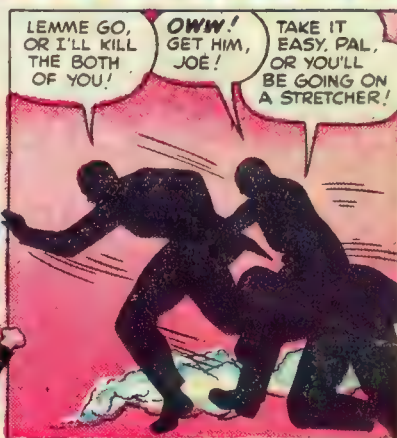
GOODNIGHT, POP.

GOOD-NIGHT.

GOODNIGHT, BOYS...

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I THINK I'VE SEEN THEM FACES SOMEWHERE BESIDES THIS STEEL MILL.

NOW WHERE WAS IT?... BY GUM! I GOT IT! IT WAS IN ONE OF THEM TRUE DETECTIVE MAGAZINES. I GOTTA CHECK THAT.



THAT NIGHT IN A CHEAP BOARDING HOUSE...

I HOPE THIS GETS HIM OUT. HE MUST BE WORRIED ABOUT HIS BROTHERS BY NOW.

WATCH OUT FOR GUNS.



WHO'S THERE?

I'VE GOT A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BROTHER ... HE WAS HURT IN AN ACCIDENT. OPEN UP.



HURT? WHERE? HOW IS... WHAT THE DEVIL?

DON'T MOVE, ROY. OR YOU'RE A DEAD DUCK. WE TOOK YOUR BROTHER THIS AFTERNOON.



OUT OF MY WAY, COPPERS. YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO FRAME ME.

STOP HIM! QUICK!



UGH!

GOT YOU, YOU CHEAP PUNK!

GREAT WORK, JOE. HOLD HIM.

WELL, THIS ENDS THE GREATEST CHASE IN THE DEPARTMENT. YEARS OF CONSTANT SEARCH FINALLY ENDED!

BOY, WILL WASHINGTON BE GLAD TO HEAR THIS... COME ON, D'AUTREMONT, LET'S GET THIS CASE CLOSED.

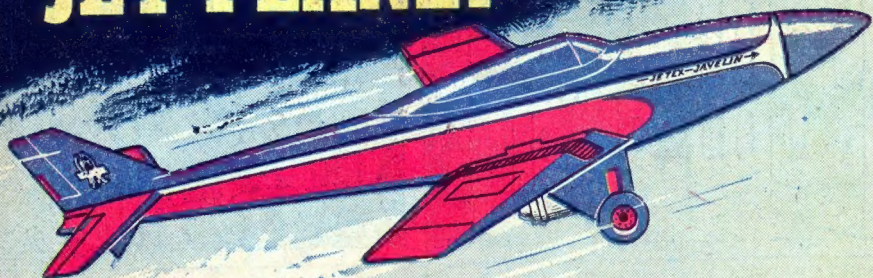
THE DETECTIVE WAS RIGHT AFTER YEARS OF WORK, THE CASE WAS CLOSED.

THE THREE KILLERS WERE SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON WHERE THEY STILL REMAIN THINKING OF THE LIVES THEY COULD HAVE LED

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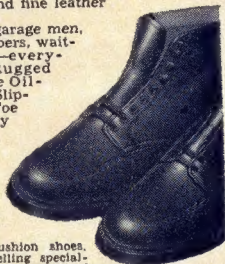
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Age
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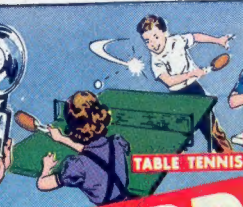


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